

## STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

## POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS FOR SIX MONTHS JAN.-JUNE, 1939.

Births - increase 274; Deaths - increase 180; Marriages - decrease 168.

POPULATION OF STATE. 31st March 1939, Total 595,376; Males 297,687; Females 297,689. Metropolitan Area 31st December 1938, Total 321,412 or 54.0% of the Total State.

NATURAL INCREASE. The excess of births over deaths for the six months was 2,169 (2,075), an increase of 94.

BIRTHS. For the six months 4,907 (4,633) were registered being 274 more than for the same period in 1938. EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS 125 (122). CASES OF MULTIPLE BIRTHS. Twins 50 (41), Triplets 1 (1).

ADOPTIONS AND LEGITIMATIONS - Under the Adoption Acts 74 (49) children were registered as adopted and 15 (6) children were legitimated under the Legitimation Acts after the marriage of their parents.

MARRIAGES. The marriages celebrated during the six months numbered 2,675 (2,843) a decrease of 168. Civil Marriages numbered 202 (268), decrease 66.

DEATHS. The deaths registered for the six months numbered 2,738 (2,558) being an increase of 180. This is largely accounted for by the January and February heat waves, 74 deaths being attributed solely to Excessive Heat, while Heat was shown as a contributing cause in many other cases.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATHS. (Table 6). Cancer 349 (380), Diseases of Heart 565 (478), Cerebral haemorrhage and softening 260 (241), Accidents 230 (156), Senility 157 (135), Pulmonary Tuberculosis 104 (92), Congenital Debility, Malformations, &c. 104 (103), Nephritis Acute & Chronic 128 (126), Diarrhoea & Enteritis 27 (29), Pneumonia 116 (129), Diabetes mellitus 60 (67), Puerperal Causes 22 (27), Appendicitis 22 (20), Suicides 26 (36), Bronchitis 28 (23).

DEATHS FROM ACCIDENTS, &C. For the six months 230 (156) deaths were attributed to Accidents, &c. Increase 74. Drowning 23 (12), Automobiles 52 (43), Railways and Tramways 12 (15), Other transport 2 (11), Injury from Falls 29 (43), Firearms 4 (5), Burns 5 (8), Excessive Heat 75 (-).

INFANTILE DEATHS. NO. & CAUSES. 154 (145) deaths were recorded for the six months being 9 more than for the same period in 1938. The principal causes were - Broncho-pneumonia and Pneumonia 14 (12), Diarrhoea & Enteritis 15 (15), Malformations 16 (14), Congenital debility &c. 8 (7), Premature Birth 52 (53), Injury at birth 12 (11), Other diseases of early infancy 14 (9), Excessive Heat 9 (-); and all other causes 14 (24), total 154 (145).

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED. (Table 5). Numbers of cases notified during the six months are as follows :- Diphtheria 374 (448), Erysipelas 56 (45), Influenza 53 (8), Measles 96 (30), Poliomyelitis 2 (259), Puerperal Fever 39 (24), Pulmonary Tuberculosis 171 (146), Scarlet Fever 339 (185) and Whooping Cough 70 (177).

Detailed Tables are attached, Nos. 1 to 7.

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